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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 September 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pedlar (U. S. Patent Publication Number 2004/0224686) in view of Vialen et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,898,429)

Regarding claim 1, Pedlar discloses all the claimed invention as set fourth in the instant application, in addition Pedlar discloses a apparatus and method of uplink data during cell update in universal mobile telecommunications system user equipment, further Pedlar discloses a method of responding to a Cell or URA Update Confirm message received in a user equipment in a communications system, the method comprising the steps of: receiving a Cell or URA Update Confirm message; determining whether the message places the user equipment in a state that requires a response prior to entering the state; determining whether the message contains a C-RNTI element; and in the event that a response is required and that the message contains a C-RNTI element, using the element to send a response message (which reads on paragraphs 0011, 0033, 0034). However Padlar fails to disclose a new C-RNTI element.

In the same field of endeavor Vialen et al. discloses a identifier allocation method. Vialen et al. discloses the use of a new C-RNTI element as disclosed in column 4 lines 63-67.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention was made to improve Pedlar by modifying the apparatus and method of uplink data during cell update in universal mobile telecommunications system user equipment with the use of a new C-RNTI element as taught by Vialen et al. for the purpose of shorting the common channel messages and to save capacity on common radio channels.

Regarding claim 2, Pedlar discloses everything claimed, as applied above (see claim 1) additionally, Pedlar discloses a in the event that the message does not contain a C-RNTI element, using an existing C-RNTI element to send the response message (which reads on paragraphs 0033,0034). However Padlar fails to disclose a new C-RNTI element.

In the same field of endeavor Vialen et al. discloses a identifier allocation method. Vialen et al. discloses the use of a new C-RNTI element as disclosed in column 4 lines 63-67.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention was made to improve Pedlar by modifying the apparatus and method of uplink data during cell update in universal mobile telecommunications system user equipment with the use of a new C-RNTI element as taught by Vialen et al. for the purpose of shorting the common channel messages and to save capacity on common radio channels.

Regarding claim 3, Pedlar discloses everything claimed, as applied above (see claim 1) additionally, Pedlar discloses a entering the state after sending the response message (which reads on paragraphs 0033,0034).

Regarding claim 4, Pedlar discloses everything claimed, as applied above (see claim 1) additionally, Pedlar discloses a wherein the state comprises the CELL_PCH or URA_PCH state. (which reads on paragraphs 0011, 0012).

Regarding claim 5, Pedlar discloses all the claimed invention as set forth in the instant application, in addition Pedlar discloses a apparatus and method of uplink data during cell update in universal mobile telecommunications system user equipment, further Pedlar discloses a user equipment for providing a response to a Cell or URA Update Confirm message in a communications system, the equipment comprising: means for receiving a Cell or URA Update Confirm message; means for determining whether the message places the user equipment in a state that requires a response prior to entering the state; means for determining whether the message contains a C-RNTI element; and in the event that a response is required and that the message contains a C-RNTI element, means for sending a response message using the C-RNTI element (which reads on paragraphs 0011,0012, 0034). However Padlar fails to disclose a new C-RNTI element.

In the same field of endeavor Vialen et al. discloses a identifier allocation method. Vialen et al. discloses the use of a new C-RNTI element as disclosed in column 4 lines 63-67.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention was made to improve Pedlar by modifying the apparatus and method of uplink data during cell update in universal mobile telecommunications system user equipment with the use of a new C-RNTI element as taught by Vialen et al. for the purpose of shorting the common channel messages and to save capacity on common radio channels.

Regarding claim 6, Pedlar discloses everything claimed, as applied above (see claim 1) additionally, Pedlar discloses a the event that the message does not contain a C-RNTI element, using an existing C-RNTI element for sending the response message (which reads on paragraph 0034). However Padlar fails to disclose a new C-RNTI element.

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In the same field of endeavor Vialen et al. discloses a identifier allocation method.

Vialen et al. discloses the use of a new C-RNTI element as disclosed in column 4 lines 63-67.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention was made to improve Pedlar by modifying the apparatus and method of uplink data during cell update in universal mobile telecommunications system user equipment with the use of a new C-RNTI element as taught by Vialen et al. for the purpose of shorting the common channel messages and to save capacity on common radio channels.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-6 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

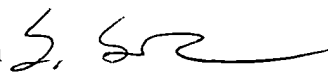
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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sheila B. Smith whose telephone number is (571)272-7847. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 6:00 am - 3:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Feild can be reached on 571-272-4090. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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